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Introduction

Doris recalls, I was twelve years old at the time, and, back then in 1886, it wasn't the done thing for young ladies to be seen sunbathing or swimming in public. Yet I was daring enough to sneak down to the beach in the evening when I hoped no one was watching.

This particular evening I waded out at low tide to a cluster of large rocks some distance from the shore. It was so lovely reclining on the rocks with the soothing sounds of the water lap-lapping, that I completely lost track of time. They say that time and tide wait for no man - well they didn't wait for me.

By the time that I realised what time it was, the tide had come in and I was stranded out at sea on a large protruding rock. I scanned the beach with straining eyes, hoping to catch a glimpse of some help, but I could see no one. The beach was deserted. And the tide was coming in further!

Suddenly, standing next to me on the rock was a tall man, dressed in a long white coat. He smiled compassionately at me and without speaking, he lifted me into his strong arms and somehow carried me to shore. He stood me gently on my feet on the beach, and when I turned to thank him, he was nowhere to be seen. The beach still appeared to be deserted.

I believe he was an angel!

Doris Backhouse was an elderly resident of the Charles Harrison Memorial Home in Cooranbong, New South Wales, Australia in the 1970s when she shared her story with your

author. She was convinced that angels exist, for she believed that she had seen and felt one.

Well, what do you believe about angels? I confess that my understanding was a bit hazy until I studied what God's Word had to say about angels.

The theological presses are weighed down with what people think, but for purposes of this study I have only pursued what the Bible has to say on the subject. Read on with me as I recapitulate my study.

In order to appreciate the reliability of the source material I have used in researching this subject, I refer you to the Word itself. We are told that all scripture given by inspiration for doctrine, reproof, correction and instruction (2 Timothy 3:16).

This inspiration was not word-for-word

verbatim from God, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. (2 Peter 1:21). We know that God's word will not pass away (Matt 24:35, 1 Peter 1:25) and that it is true (John 17:17, Revelation 19:9, Psalm 19:7).

God's word is definitely alive and well: For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow. And is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. (Hebrews 4.12).

It is interesting to note that not all religious. people believed in angels: Acts 23:8 says, For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, neither angel, nor spirit: but the Pharisees confess both.

What Do Angels Look Like?

Truly the smartest men ought to talk low, lest the angels overhear and laugh at their ignorance.
- Living Illustrations By B. Carradine

What Do Angels Look Like? Well, I don't really know, as the Bible doesn't give a clear-cut description any anyone, including angels.

(David was described as ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to (1 Samuel 16:12), Elisha was bald (2 Kings 2:23), Esther was beautiful (Esther 2:7), and Zacchaeus was short (Luke 19:3).

But none of these descriptions are comprehensive. In researching this topic I looked at hundreds of illustrations: prints of

paintings, frescos, drawings, word pictures, photos of statues, illustrated manuscripts, and commercial clipart. I saw conceptions from ghastly gargoyles to cute cheribs, from grotesque devils to voluptuous winged maidens, from human- like representations to comic caricatures. All differed considerably - as different as Cupid is from Lucifer.

So what do we know about angels?

The appearance of angels varies. Only angels described as cherubim and seraphim are represented with wings in the visions of Ezekiel (1:4-28 ; 10:3-22) and Isaiah (6:2- 6).

Angels have the power of speech, are able to appear and disappear, are able to move through walls & doors, and are stronger than lions (Dan 6:22) & prison guards.

Angels are able to be seen when God or they

choose to be able to be seen. For example, Numbers 22:31, Then the LORD opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way.

Indeed angels are given certain human attributes: Judges 6:11 And there came an angel of the LORD, and sat under an oak., Acts 5:8 And the angel said unto him., Psalm 78:25 Man did eat angels. food (referring to the Manna provided in the wilderness) he sent them meat to the full.

Angels are described as being brilliant to behold: Matthew 28:3 His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow. And Revelation 10:1, 18:1 And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire. / And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with

his glory.

In the New Testament (though not in the old) angels may sometimes be described as wearing white: John 20:12 And (Mary saw) two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.

Some angels carry swords and sheaths: 1 Chronicles 21:27 And the LORD commanded the angel; and he put up his sword again into the sheath thereof.

Certainly they are described as being awesome: Matthew 28:4 For fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men., Judges 13:6 Then the woman came and told her husband (Manoah), saying, A man of God came unto me, and his countenance was like the countenance of an angel of God, very terrible!.

Angels have immortal bodies: Luke 20:36

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Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels., but can be destroyed by God: Matthew 25:41 Everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.

Angels may come in disguise: Acts 7:30, 35 there appeared to (Moses), in the wilderness of mount Sinai, an angel of the Lord in a flame of fire in a bush. God (sent Moses) to be a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the angel which appeared to him in the bush. and Hebrews 13:2 Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

George Eliot well said, The golden moments in the stream of life rush past us, and we see nothing but sand; the angels come to visit us, and we only know them when they are gone.

Angels are able to play music. Revelation 8:2 And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets. (see the *Appendix 1: Misconceptions*

for comments regarding harps and singing)

They can guide our understanding. Revelation 17:7 And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery., 22:6 And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to show unto his servants the things which must shortly be done.

But because there are both good and bad angels, there is a need to test out what they say. Galatians 1:8 cautions, But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

We are told that angels are greater than mankind: Job 8:5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour., but not as great as Jesus (who by these next verses is shown not to

be an angel): Hebrews 1:4,5 :Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. / For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee?.

So what do they really look like? Heaven only knows.

Artists impression:
What we KNOW angels look like.

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Heavenly Angels

It is as impossible for a man to bestow himself under the limitations of time as it is for a stone to possess the wisdom of an angel.
St. Jerome.

What else can the Bible teach us about the angels? There are many around God's throne: Revelation 5:11 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands / Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

They agree with God. Galatians 3:19 the promise was ordained by angels.

Many of the angels have names, and we are told some of them: Luke 1:19 And the angel answering said unto him (Zacharias), I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to show thee these glad tidings.

Jude 1:9 Michael the archangel.

Revelation 9:11 And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon.

Interestingly, angels are often called Lord. Acts 10:1-4 There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian band, / A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway. / He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an

angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius. / And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God.

One thing which distinguishes Jesus from the angels is that we are told that angels are not to be worshipped: Colossians 2:18 Let no man beguile you (into the) worshipping of angels. Revelation 22:8, 9 And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things. / Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.

Unlike us, the angels can see God face-to-face: Matthew 18:10 In heaven (the) angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

Assuming he is talking about angels as the morning stars, Job tells us that they sang at creation: Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding. / Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? / Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof; / When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?. (Job 38:4- 7) It is possible that the morning stars simply refer to the heavens as in Isaiah 44:23 and 49:13: Sing, O ye heavens.

The angels were created by God. Psalm 148.2,5 says, Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts. Let them praise the name of the LORD: for he commanded, and they were created. and in Colossians 1.16 For by him (God's dear Son - Vs 13) were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones,

or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him. In Ezekiel 28:15, God says of Satan, Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

Jesus not only created the angels, he is the one who has sent the good angels to minister: Matthew 13:41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels., and Matthew 13:49 So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth.

The angels keep God's holy Sabbath day & obey the Ten Commandments: Psalm 103:20 Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.

The angels are unmarried: Matthew 22:30 In the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.

And, like Jesus there is something they don't know! - They don't know when Jesus is coming again: Matthew 24:36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

And the heavenly angels have special rôles:

They can carry out or bring special punishment. Acts 12:23 tells us that when Herod blasphemed for the last time, the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost.

The earlier verses tell us that the angels can open prison doors: Acts 5:19 But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought (the apostles) forth., Acts 12:5-11 Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him. / And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping

between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison. / And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands. / And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me. / And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision. / When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him. / And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the LORD hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the

Jews.

Angels, as mentioned earlier, can bring special messages: Acts 7:53 Who have received the law by the disposition of angels., Luke 1:11 And there appeared unto him (Zacharias) an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense., and Revelation 14:6-12 And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, / Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. / And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. / And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man

worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, / The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: / And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. / Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

Angels can bring people together for good: Matthew 24:31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other., or they can bring people together for destruction: Matthew 13:39 The harvest is the end of the

world; and the reapers are the angels. (See also Acts 12:21-23 And upon a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat upon his throne, and made an oration unto them. / And the people gave a shout, saying, It is the voice of a God, and not of a man. / And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost.)

Guardian Angels

The curfew chimes, the midnight bell;
Sleep well, my child,. it murmur slow;
The guardian angels come and go.
O child, sleep well.
- Eugene Field

The expression ‘Guardian Angel’ does not appear in Scripture. Although translations such as the NIV refer to Satan as a guardian cherub in Ezekiel 28:14, 16 - Hebrew *cakak* (pronounced saw-kak) meaning to entwine as a screen; by implication to fence in, cover over, and figuratively to protect, to cover, defend, hedge in, join together, or shut up.

The New revised Standard does the same and also uses the Greek word *episkopos* (elsewhere translated as bishop or overseer) in 1

Peter 2:25: For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Guardian angels do, however, exist and we understand these guardian angels more by their rôle as protectors of the church, the nation and the individual.

Church protectors.

Revelation 1:20 The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches. (It is possible in these verses that the writer is referring to the church leaders as angels., using a Greek word for messenger.)

Corporate or national protectors.

Psalm 34:7 The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them. (I rather like to take this verse personally, though.)

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Personal protectors.

Psalm 91:11,12 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways./ They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

There is a guardian angel for every child of God: Matthew 18:10 Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

Guardian angels can direct us: Acts 12:8 And the angel said unto him, (Peter).follow me., Matthew 2:13 And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him., Acts 8:26 And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go

toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert. Thankfully, our guardian angels are concerned for our wellbeing: Luke 12:8,9 Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God: / But he that denieth me before men shall be denied before the angels of God., Luke 15:10 Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

Messiah & Angels

Every praying Christian will find that there is no Gethsemane without its angel.
- Thomas Binney.

Angels announce the conception, the birth, the resurrection, and the Second Coming of Jesus:

It is angels who announce conception of Jesus to Joseph. Matthew 1:20,21 But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. / And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their

sins.

Angels announce conception of Jesus to Mary: Luke 1:35ff And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

Angels announce the birth of Jesus to shepherds. Luke 2:9-14 And, lo, the angel of the

Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. / And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. / For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. / And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. / And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, / Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Angels roll away the tombstone and announce the resurrection of Jesus to the two Marys: Matt 28:1-7 And, behold, the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it./ His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow:/ And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead

men. / And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. / He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. And the angels announce the future Second Coming of Jesus while explaining the ascension to disciples) Acts1: 9-11 this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

And the angels announce the actual Second Coming of Jesus with a trumpet blast:
1 Corinthians 15:51,2 Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, / In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. And again in 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18: For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise

first: / Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. / Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

And the angels came to be with Jesus: They came to be with Jesus in wilderness: Matthew 4:11 angels came and ministered unto him.

They came to be with Jesus at Gethsemane: Luke 22:43 And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him.

And they will come to be with Jesus at Second Coming: Matthew 16:27 For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works., 25:31 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory.

The evil angel Lucifer tries to tempt Jesus:

Matt 4:1-11 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. / And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungered. / And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. / But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. / Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, / And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. / Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. / Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and showeth him all

the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; / And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. / Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. / Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

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Hell's Angels

Psalm 78:49 He cast upon them the fierceness of his anger, wrath, and indignation, and trouble, by sending evil angels among them. (KJV)

Hell is just another word for the grave.

The term 'Hell's Angels' was coined for street usage as the name of a 1970's motorcycle gang and has since come into more general usage to refer to any with evil intent. More specifically, it here refers to Satan and his angels.

First, the bad news about Hell's angels.

The angel Lucifer (Satan), while in a high

position in Heaven, rebelled when he became proud. Isaiah 14:12-14 explains, How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! / For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: / I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Sin originated with the angel Lucifer, 1 John 3:8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. There was war in heaven and the angel Lucifer and his angel followers were cast out. Revelation 12:7-17 says, And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, / And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. / And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the

whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

The fallen angel Satan is still at war. Matthew 13:39 The enemy is the devil. Hell's angels are to be judged, Jude 1:6: And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day. And we are to do the judging! 1 Corinthians 6:3 asks, Know ye not that we shall judge angels?. To understand better where evil angels fit into this great picture, it may be helpful to explore the origin of sin.

In the beginning, the world was created sin-free. Genesis 1:31. And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. Genesis 3:1-6 explains how sin was introduced: Now the serpent* was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman,

Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? / And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: / But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. / And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: / For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. / And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. (* the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth. Revelation 12:9) We read something of the angel Satan's involvement in Ezekiel 28:14-17: Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of

God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. / Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. / By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. / Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness

The angel Satan is a liar: John 8:44 your father the devil. was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

But even though he was cast down from heaven, thereby loosing his glory, the angel Satan is still appears as a brilliant angel: 2

Corinthians 11:14 for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. (the word transformed is translated from the Greek word metaschematizo meaning to transfigure or disguise.) Tragically, the angel Satan stalks about like a roaring lion seeking you and me as his prey (see I Peter 5:8).

All angels are ministering spirits, Psalm 104:4 and also Hebrews 1:7: Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire. And yet the evil angel Satan's ministers appear to be righteous. 2 Corinthians 11:14, 15 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. / Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

And finally the bad news is that the evil angel Satan is still a warmonger. Revelation 12:17 And the dragon (Satan) was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the

remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. - 2 Thessalonians 2:8-10

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Satan will be bound by a chain of circumstances for 100 years, Revelation 20:1-3 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great

chain in his hand. / And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, / And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more.

And then Angel Satan and his followers will finally be destroyed by a fire which has everlasting consequences: Matthew 25:41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels., Revelation 20:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are.

The effect of this fire (the final, total eradication of sin) will last forever and forever! That is the Good News about Hell, sin and evil angels!

A mini-Concordance
Angel/s

Our brains are seventy-year clocks. The Angel of life winds them up once for all, then closes the case, and gives the key into the hand of the Angel of the Resurrection. Oliver Wendell Holmes.

In order to gain an easy appreciation of what the Bible says about angels, I have here listed all the verses in the Bible that use the words angel (Part A) and angels (part B). There are numerous other verses in the Bible that use different terms when referring to angels or other celestial beings, such as spirit/s, messenger/s, sons of God, etc. and these are to numerous to include in a work of this nature. This list of references has been culled from Strong's

Exhaustive Concordance, and the actual texts from the King James Version have been inserted in full after each reference to make comprehension easier. (This is not a short-cut to studying the verses in your own Bible for yourself, where the context will make the meaning clearer.)

Part A (i) - Angel

(Genesis 48:16) “The Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.”

(Exodus 23:20) “Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared.”

(Exodus 23:23) “For mine Angel shall go before thee, and bring thee in unto the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites: and I will cut them off.”

(Exodus 32:34) “Therefore now go, lead the people unto the place of which I have spoken unto thee: behold, mine Angel shall go before thee: nevertheless in the day when I visit I will visit their sin upon them.”

Part A (ii) – angel

(Genesis 16:7) “And the angel of the LORD found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in the way to Shur.”

(Genesis 16:9-11) “And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Return to thy mistress, and submit thyself under her hands. 10) And the angel of the LORD said unto her, I will multiply thy seed exceedingly, that it shall not

be numbered for multitude. 11) And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Behold, thou art with child, and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name Ishmael; because the LORD hath heard thy affliction."

(Genesis 21:17) "And God heard the voice of the lad; and the angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven, and said unto her, What aileth thee, Hagar? fear not; for God hath heard the voice of the lad where he is."

(Genesis 22:11) "And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I."

(Genesis 22:15) "And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time,"

(Genesis 24:7) "The LORD God of heaven, which took me from my father's house, and from the land of my kindred, and which spake

unto me, and that sware unto me, saying, Unto thy seed will I give this land; he shall send his angel before thee, and thou shalt take a wife unto my son from thence."

(Genesis 24:40) "And he said unto me, The LORD, before whom I walk, will send his angel with thee, and prosper thy way; and thou shalt take a wife for my son of my kindred, and of my father's house:"

(Genesis 31:11) "And the angel of God spake unto me in a dream, saying, Jacob: And I said, Here am I."

(Genesis 48:16) "The Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth."

(Exodus 3:2) "And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the

midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed."

(Exodus 14:19) "And the angel of God, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them:"

(Exodus 23:20) "Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared."

(Exodus 23:23) "For mine Angel shall go before thee, and bring thee in unto the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites: and I will cut them off."

(Exodus 32:34) "Therefore now go, lead the people unto the place of which I have spoken

unto thee: behold, mine Angel shall go before thee: nevertheless in the day when I visit I will visit their sin upon them."

(Exodus 33:2) "And I will send an angel before thee; and I will drive out the Canaanite, the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite:"

(Numbers 20:16) "And when we cried unto the LORD, he heard our voice, and sent an angel, and hath brought us forth out of Egypt: and, behold, we are in Kadesh, a city in the uttermost of thy border:"

(Numbers 22:22-27) "And God's anger was kindled because he went: and the angel of the LORD stood in the way for an adversary against him. Now he was riding upon his ass, and his two servants were with him. 23) And the ass saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and the ass turned aside out of the way, and went

into the field: and Balaam smote the ass, to turn her into the way. 24) But the angel of the LORD stood in a path of the vineyards, a wall being on this side, and a wall on that side. 25) And when the ass saw the angel of the LORD, she thrust herself unto the wall, and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall: and he smote her again. 26) And the angel of the LORD went further, and stood in a narrow place, where was no way to turn either to the right hand or to the left. 27) And when the ass saw the angel of the LORD, she fell down under Balaam: and Balaam's anger was kindled, and he smote the ass with a staff."

(Numbers 22:31-32) "Then the LORD opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and he bowed down his head, and fell flat on his face. 32) And the angel of the LORD said unto him, Wherefore hast thou smitten thine ass these three times?

behold, I went out to withstand thee, because thy way is perverse before me:"

(Numbers 22:34-35) "And Balaam said unto the angel of the LORD, I have sinned; for I knew not that thou stoodest in the way against me: now therefore, if it displease thee, I will get me back again. 35) And the angel of the LORD said unto Balaam, Go with the men: but only the word that I shall speak unto thee, that thou shalt speak. So Balaam went with the princes of Balak."

(Judges 2:1) "And an angel of the LORD came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said, I made you to go up out of Egypt, and have brought you unto the land which I sware unto your fathers; and I said, I will never break my covenant with you."

(Judges 2:4) "And it came to pass, when the angel of the LORD spake these words unto all the children of Israel, that the people lifted up

their voice, and wept."

(Judges 5:23) "Curse ye Meroz, said the angel of the LORD, curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof; because they came not to the help of the LORD, to the help of the LORD against the mighty."

(Judges 6:11-12) "And there came an angel of the LORD, and sat under an oak which was in Ophrah, that pertained unto Joash the Abiezrite: and his son Gideon threshed wheat by the winepress, to hide it from the Midianites. 12) And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him, and said unto him, The LORD is with thee, thou mighty man of valour."

(Judges 6:20-22) "And the angel of God said unto him, Take the flesh and the unleavened cakes, and lay them upon this rock, and pour out the broth. And he did so. 21) Then the angel of the LORD put forth the end of the staff that was in his hand, and touched the flesh and the

unleavened cakes; and there rose up fire out of the rock, and consumed the flesh and the unleavened cakes. Then the angel of the LORD departed out of his sight. 22) And when Gideon perceived that he was an angel of the LORD, Gideon said, Alas, O Lord GOD! for because I have seen an angel of the LORD face to face."

(Judges 13:3) "And the angel of the LORD appeared unto the woman, and said unto her, Behold now, thou art barren, and bearest not: but thou shalt conceive, and bear a son."

(Judges 13:6) "Then the woman came and told her husband, saying, A man of God came unto me, and his countenance was like the countenance of an angel of God, very terrible: but I asked him not whence he was, neither told he me his name:"

(Judges 13:9) "And God hearkened to the voice of Manoah; and the angel of God came again unto the woman as she sat in the field: but

Manoah her husband was not with her."

(Judges 13:13) "And the angel of the LORD said unto Manoah, Of all that I said unto the woman let her beware."

(Judges 13:15-21) "And Manoah said unto the angel of the LORD, I pray thee, let us detain thee, until we shall have made ready a kid for thee. 16) And the angel of the LORD said unto Manoah, Though thou detain me, I will not eat of thy bread: and if thou wilt offer a burnt offering, thou must offer it unto the LORD. For Manoah knew not that he was an angel of the LORD. 17) And Manoah said unto the angel of the LORD, What is thy name, that when thy sayings come to pass we may do thee honour? 18) And the angel of the LORD said unto him, Why askest thou thus after my name, seeing it is secret? 19) So Manoah took a kid with a meat offering, and offered it upon a rock unto the LORD: and the angel did wonderously; and Manoah and his wife looked on. 20) For it came

to pass, when the flame went up toward heaven from off the altar, that the angel of the LORD ascended in the flame of the altar. And Manoah and his wife looked on it, and fell on their faces to the ground. 21) But the angel of the LORD did no more appear to Manoah and to his wife. Then Manoah knew that he was an angel of the LORD."

(1 Samuel 29:9) "And Achish answered and said to David, I know that thou art good in my sight, as an angel of God: notwithstanding the princes of the Philistines have said, He shall not go up with us to the battle."

(2 Samuel 14:17) "Then thine handmaid said, The word of my lord the king shall now be comfortable: for as an angel of God, so is my lord the king to discern good and bad: therefore the LORD thy God will be with thee."

(2 Samuel 14:20) "To fetch about this form of speech hath thy servant Joab done this thing:

and my lord is wise, according to the wisdom of an angel of God, to know all things that are in the earth."

(2 Samuel 19:27) "And he hath slandered thy servant unto my lord the king; but my lord the king is as an angel of God: do therefore what is good in thine eyes."

(2 Samuel 24:16-17) "And when the angel stretched out his hand upon Jerusalem to destroy it, the LORD repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed the people, It is enough: stay now thine hand. And the angel of the LORD was by the threshingplace of Araunah the Jebusite. 17) And David spake unto the LORD when he saw the angel that smote the people, and said, Lo, I have sinned, and I have done wickedly: but these sheep, what have they done? let thine hand, I pray thee, be against me, and against my father's house."

(1 Kings 13:18) “He said unto him, I am a prophet also as thou art; and an angel spake unto me by the word of the LORD, saying, Bring him back with thee into thine house, that he may eat bread and drink water. But he lied unto him.”

(1 Kings 19:5) “And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat.”

(1 Kings 19:7) “And the angel of the LORD came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee.”

(2 Kings 1:3) “But the angel of the LORD said to Elijah the Tishbite, Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say unto them, Is it not because there is not a God in Israel, that ye go to inquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron?”

(2 Kings 1:15) “And the angel of the LORD said unto Elijah, Go down with him: be not afraid of him. And he arose, and went down with him unto the king.”

(2 Kings 19:35) “And it came to pass that night, that the angel of the LORD went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.”

(1 Chronicles 21:12) “Either three years’ famine; or three months to be destroyed before thy foes, while that the sword of thine enemies overtaketh thee; or else three days the sword of the LORD, even the pestilence, in the land, and the angel of the LORD destroying throughout all the coasts of Israel. Now therefore advise thyself what word I shall bring again to him that sent me.”

(1 Chronicles 21:15-16) “And God sent an

angel unto Jerusalem to destroy it: and as he was destroying, the LORD beheld, and he repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed, It is enough, stay now thine hand. And the angel of the LORD stood by the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite. 16) And David lifted up his eyes, and saw the angel of the LORD stand between the earth and the heaven, having a drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders of Israel, who were clothed in sackcloth, fell upon their faces."

(1 Chronicles 21:18) "Then the angel of the LORD commanded Gad to say to David, that David should go up, and set up an altar unto the LORD in the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite."

(1 Chronicles 21:20) "And Ornan turned back, and saw the angel; and his four sons with him hid themselves. Now Ornan was threshing wheat."

(1 Chronicles 21:27) “And the LORD commanded the angel; and he put up his sword again into the sheath thereof.”

(1 Chronicles 21:30) “But David could not go before it to inquire of God: for he was afraid because of the sword of the angel of the LORD.”

(2 Chronicles 32:21) “And the LORD sent an angel, which cut off all the mighty men of valour, and the leaders and captains in the camp of the king of Assyria. So he returned with shame of face to his own land. And when he was come into the house of his god, they that came forth of his own bowels slew him there with the sword.”

(Psalms 34:7) “The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.”

(Psalms 35:5-6) “Let them be as chaff before

the wind: and let the angel of the LORD chase them. 6) Let their way be dark and slippery: and let the angel of the LORD persecute them."

(Ecclesiastes 5:6) "Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it was an error: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands?"

(Isaiah 37:36) "Then the angel of the LORD went forth, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred and fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses."

(Isaiah 63:9) "In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old."

(Daniel 3:28) "Then Nebuchadnezzar spake,

and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God."

(Daniel 6:22) "My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt."

(Hosea 12:4) "Yea, he had power over the angel, and prevailed: he wept, and made supplication unto him: he found him in Bethel, and there he spake with us;"

(Zechariah 1:9) "Then said I, O my lord, what are these? And the angel that talked with me said unto me, I will show thee what these be."

(Zechariah 1:11-14) “And they answered the angel of the LORD that stood among the myrtle trees, and said, We have walked to and fro through the earth, and, behold, all the earth sitteth still, and is at rest. 12) Then the angel of the LORD answered and said, O LORD of hosts, how long wilt thou not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which thou hast had indignation these threescore and ten years? 13) And the LORD answered the angel that talked with me with good words and comfortable words. 14) So the angel that communed with me said unto me, Cry thou, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy.”

(Zechariah 1:19) “And I said unto the angel that talked with me, What be these? And he answered me, These are the horns which have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem.”

(Zechariah 2:3) “And, behold, the angel that

talked with me went forth, and another angel went out to meet him,"

(Zechariah 3:1) "And he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him."

(Zechariah 3:3) "Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel."

(Zechariah 3:5-6) "And I said, Let them set a fair mitre upon his head. So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the LORD stood by. 6) And the angel of the LORD protested unto Joshua, saying,"

(Zechariah 4:1) "And the angel that talked with me came again, and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep,"

(Zechariah 4:4-5) "So I answered and spake

to the angel that talked with me, saying, What are these, my lord? 5) Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord."

(Zechariah 5:5) "Then the angel that talked with me went forth, and said unto me, Lift up now thine eyes, and see what is this that goeth forth."

(Zechariah 5:10) "Then said I to the angel that talked with me, Whither do these bear the ephah?"

(Zechariah 6:4-5) "Then I answered and said unto the angel that talked with me, What are these, my lord? 5) And the angel answered and said unto me, These are the four spirits of the heavens, which go forth from standing before the Lord of all the earth."

(Zechariah 12:8) "In that day shall the

LORD defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David shall be as God, as the angel of the LORD before them."

(Matthew 1:20) "But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost."

(Matthew 1:24) "Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife:"

(Matthew 2:13) "And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him."

(Matthew 2:19) “But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt,”

(Matthew 28:2) “And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.”

(Matthew 28:5) “And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.”

(Luke 1:11) “And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense.”

(Luke 1:13) “But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.”

(Luke 1:18-19) “And Zacharias said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? for I am

an old man, and my wife well stricken in years. 19) And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to show thee these glad tidings."

(Luke 1:26) "And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,"

(Luke 1:28) "And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women."

(Luke 1:30) "And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God."

(Luke 1:34-35) "Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? 35) And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and

the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God."

(Luke 1:38) "And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her."

(Luke 2:9-10) "And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. 10) And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."

(Luke 2:13) "And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,"

(Luke 2:21) "And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in

the womb."

(Luke 22:43) "And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him."

(John 5:4) "For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had."

(John 12:29) "The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered: others said, An angel spake to him."

(Acts 5:19) "But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said,"

(Acts 6:15) "And all that sat in the council, looking stedfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel."

(Acts 7:30) "And when forty years were

expired, there appeared to him in the wilderness of mount Sina an angel of the Lord in a flame of fire in a bush."

(Acts 7:35) "This Moses whom they refused, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge? the same did God send to be a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the angel which appeared to him in the bush."

(Acts 7:38) "This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us:"

(Acts 8:26) "And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert."

(Acts 10:3) "He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God

coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius."

(Acts 10:7) "And when the angel which spake unto Cornelius was departed, he called two of his household servants, and a devout soldier of them that waited on him continually;"

(Acts 10:22) "And they said, Cornelius the centurion, a just man, and one that feareth God, and of good report among all the nation of the Jews, was warned from God by an holy angel to send for thee into his house, and to hear words of thee."

(Acts 11:13) "And he showed us how he had seen an angel in his house, which stood and said unto him, Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter;"

(Acts 12:7-11) "And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and

raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands. 8) And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me. 9) And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision. 10) When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him. 11) And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews."

(Acts 12:15) "And they said unto her, Thou art mad. But she constantly affirmed that it was

even so. Then said they, It is his angel."

(Acts 12:23) "And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost."

(Acts 23:8-9) "For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, neither angel, nor spirit: but the Pharisees confess both. 9) And there arose a great cry: and the scribes that were of the Pharisees' part arose, and strove, saying, We find no evil in this man: but if a spirit or an angel hath spoken to him, let us not fight against God."

(Acts 27:23) "For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve,"

(2 Corinthians 11:14) "And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light."

(Galatians 1:8) “But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.”

(Galatians 4:14) “And my temptation which was in my flesh ye despised not, nor rejected; but received me as an angel of God, even as Christ Jesus.”

(Revelation 1:1) “The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to show unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:”

(Revelation 2:1) “Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;”

(Revelation 2:8) “And unto the angel of the

church in Smyrna write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive;"

(Revelation 2:12) "And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges;"

(Revelation 2:18) "And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass;"

(Revelation 3:1) "And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead."

(Revelation 3:7) "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;"

(Revelation 3:14) “And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;”

(Revelation 5:2) “And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?”

(Revelation 7:2) “And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,”

(Revelation 8:3) “And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.”

(Revelation 8:5) “And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake.”

(Revelation 8:7-8) “The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up. 8) And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood;”

(Revelation 8:10) “And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters;”

(Revelation 8:12-13) “And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was

smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise. 13) And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabiters of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!"

(Revelation 9:1) "And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit."

(Revelation 9:11) "And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon."

(Revelation 9:13-14) "And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four

horns of the golden altar which is before God, 14) Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates."

(Revelation 10:1) "And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire:"

(Revelation 10:5) "And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven,"

(Revelation 10:7-9) "But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets. 8) And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, Go and take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon

the earth. 9) And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey."

(Revelation 11:1) "And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein."

(Revelation 11:15) "And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever."

(Revelation 14:6) "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,"

(Revelation 14:8-9) “And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. 9) And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,”

(Revelation 14:15) “And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe.”

(Revelation 14:17-19) “And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. 18) And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe. 19) And the

angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God."

(Revelation 16:3-5) "And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man; and every living soul died in the sea. 4) And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood. 5) And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus."

(Revelation 16:8) "And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire."

(Revelation 16:10) "And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain,"

(Revelation 16:12) “And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.”

(Revelation 16:17) “And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done.”

(Revelation 17:7) “And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.”

(Revelation 18:1) “And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.”

(Revelation 18:21) “And a mighty angel

took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all."

(Revelation 19:17) "And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;"

(Revelation 20:1) "And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand."

(Revelation 21:17) "And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel."

(Revelation 22:6) "And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to

show unto his servants the things which must shortly be done."

(Revelation 22:8) "And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which showed me these things."

(Revelation 22:16) "I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star."

Mini-Concordance
Part B - Angels

(Genesis 19:1) “And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground;”

(Genesis 19:15) “And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city.”

(Genesis 28:12) “And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top

of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it."

(Genesis 32:1) "And Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him."

(Job 4:18) "Behold, he put no trust in his servants; and his angels he charged with folly:"

(Psalms 8:5) "For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour."

(Psalms 68:17) "The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels: the Lord is among them, as in Sinai, in the holy place."

(Psalms 78:25) "Man did eat angels' food: he sent them meat to the full."

(Psalms 78:49) "He cast upon them the fierceness of his anger, wrath, and indignation, and trouble, by sending evil angels among

them."

(Psalms 91:11) "For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways."

(Psalms 103:20) "Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word."

(Psalms 104:4) "Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire:"

(Psalms 148:2) "Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts."

(Matthew 4:6) "And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone."

(Matthew 4:11) "Then the devil leaveth him,

and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him."

(Matthew 13:39) "The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels."

(Matthew 13:41) "The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;"

(Matthew 13:49) "So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just,"

(Matthew 16:27) "For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works."

(Matthew 18:10) "Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold

the face of my Father which is in heaven."

(Matthew 22:30) "For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven."

(Matthew 24:31) "And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other."

(Matthew 24:36) "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only."

(Matthew 25:31) "When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:"

(Matthew 25:41) "Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:"

(Matthew 26:53) “Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?”

(Mark 1:13) “And he was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan; and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto him.”

(Mark 8:38) “Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

(Mark 12:25) “For when they shall rise from the dead, they neither marry, nor are given in marriage; but are as the angels which are in heaven.”

(Mark 13:27) “And then shall he send his

angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven."

(Mark 13:32) "But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father."

(Luke 2:15) "And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us."

(Luke 4:10) "For it is written, He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee:"

(Luke 9:26) "For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels."

(Luke 12:8-9) “Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God: 9) But he that denieth me before men shall be denied before the angels of God.”

(Luke 15:10) “Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.”

(Luke 16:22) “And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham’s bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;”

(Luke 20:36) “Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection.”

(Luke 24:23) “And when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was

alive."

(John 1:51) "And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

(John 20:12) "And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain."

(Acts 7:53) "Who have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept it."

(Romans 8:38) "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,"

(1 Corinthians 4:9) "For I think that God hath set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men."

(1 Corinthians 6:3) “Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life?”

(1 Corinthians 11:10) “For this cause ought the woman to have power on her head because of the angels.”

(1 Corinthians 13:1) “Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.”

(Galatians 3:19) “Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.”

(Colossians 2:18) “Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up

by his fleshly mind,"

(2 Thessalonians 1:7) "And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,"

(1 Timothy 3:16) "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory."

(1 Timothy 5:21) "I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality."

(Hebrews 1:4-7) "Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. 5) For unto which of the angels said he at any

time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son? 6) And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him. 7) And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire."

(Hebrews 1:13) "But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?"

(Hebrews 2:2) "For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward;"

(Hebrews 2:5) "For unto the angels hath he not put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak."

(Hebrews 2:7) "Thou madest him a little

lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands:"

(Hebrews 2:9) "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man."

(Hebrews 2:16) "For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham."

(Hebrews 12:22) "But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,"

(Hebrews 13:2) "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."

(1 Peter 1:12) "Unto whom it was revealed,

that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into."

(1 Peter 3:22) "Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him."

(2 Peter 2:4) "For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;"

(2 Peter 2:11) "Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord."

(Jude 1:6) "And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation,

he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day."

(Revelation 1:20) "The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches."

(Revelation 3:5) "He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels."

(Revelation 5:11) "And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;"

(Revelation 7:1-2) "And after these things I

saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. 2) And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,"

(Revelation 7:11) "And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,"

(Revelation 8:2) "And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets."

(Revelation 8:6) "And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound."

(Revelation 8:13) "And I beheld, and heard

an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabiters of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!"

(Revelation 9:14-15) "Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. 15) And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men."

(Revelation 12:7) "And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,"

(Revelation 12:9) "And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were

cast out with him."

(Revelation 14:10) "The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:"

(Revelation 15:1) "And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God."

(Revelation 15:6-8) "And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles. 7) And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever. 8) And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man

was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled."

(Revelation 16:1) "And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth."

(Revelation 17:1) "And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will show unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:"

(Revelation 21:9) "And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will show thee the bride, the Lamb's wife."

(Revelation 21:12) "And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon,

which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:”

Appendix 1: Misconceptions

Heads, Harps, Hierarchies, and Halos There are many misconceptions regarding the subject of angels. Here we explore just a few.

Heads

One such text that causes confusion is 1 Corinthians 11:10, which in the King James Version reads, For this cause ought the woman to have power on her head because of the angels. It is argued, by some, that the Angels give special powers to women and not to men.

But a reading of this in its context shows that the writer is talking about a covering of the head. The Life Application Bible (New Living Translation) renders the text thus: So a woman should wear a covering on her head as a sign of authority because the angels are watching.

Harps

Many painters and illustrators over the years have pictured angels playing harps. But is this biblical? Nowhere in scripture are the angels recorded as playing harps. Harp playing in the Old Testament is associated with worship and prophesying on earth and in the New Testament is associated with worship in Heaven by the four beasts, the twenty-four elders of Revelation 5, and the redeemed of the Lord. in Revelation 14.

Interestingly, in Isaiah, a prostitute (the

symbol of the city) is told to play a harp! And it shall come to pass in that day, that Tyre shall be forgotten seventy years, according to the days of one king: after the end of seventy years shall Tyre sing as an harlot. Take an harp, go about the city, thou harlot that hast been forgotten; make sweet melody, sing many songs, that thou mayest be remembered. (Isa 23:15, 16 KJV).

Here follows the New Testament references to harp playing:

(Revelation 5:8) “And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.”

(Revelation 14:2) “And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps:”

(Revelation 15:2) “And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.”

Angels are able to play music, as Revelation 8:2 says, And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets. (Later verses then tell us that the trumpets were sounded.)

References to angels singing are equally difficult to find. Assuming he is talking about the angels at creation, Job says, the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy. (Job 38:7). Even the oft-quoted Luke 2:13 & 14 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.* was not sung according to this verse.

The Greek word for saying. is *lego* means to break silence, or by implication to mean: ask, bid, boast, call, describe, give out, name, put forth, say, show, speak, tell, or utter.

The same Greek word is used in Revelation 5:11, 12 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands / Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. This doesn't mean they don't sing, it only means that these verses don't prove that they do.

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Hierarchies

Those who presume to dogmatise on the ranks and numbers of angels, would do well to consider on what foundation they rest.
- John Calvin, Institutes Of The Christian Religion Volume 1 (of 4)

A few scholars have suggested that as the term heavenly host (Greek stratia, Luke 2:13) means an army there must be an hierarchy in order for there to be order. Furthermore, references to archangels (1 Thessalonians 4:16; Jude 9) and a special class of angels that has intimate fellowship with God such as the seraphim of Isaiah 6:2-6, indicate to these scholars that angels are organised in a rigidly fixed system of rank.

Some writers have even attempted to list

their ranks and duties. Some have counted seven from Tobit 12:15; 4 and Ezra 5:20, four from Enoch 4; 87:2-3; 88:1 or three in Enoch 90:31.

A certain writer earlier than A.D. 500 who claimed to be Dionysius the Areopagite of Acts 17:34, later referred to by scholars as Pseudo-Dionysius, produced a nine-fold hierarchy of angels. Thomas Aquinas later adopted this ranking and the schema did not appear to be seriously challenged until the Protestant Reformation.

According to Pseudo-Dionysius, in the Nine-fold Celestial Hierarchy the angels are arranged in three tiers (or ranks), each tier having three groups. The highest tier, consisting of Seraphim, Cherubim, and Thrones, is the closest to God. The second tier is made up of Dominions, Powers and Authorities. The lowest tier, which has direct contact with humankind, is made up of Principalities, Archangels and

Angels.

However, I have found that the ranks labelled Dominions, Powers, and Principalities are not clearly identified in the Bible as angels. Cherubim and Archangels are never compared to one another in terms of rank, and nowhere does the Bible suggest that the better. angels commune with God and lesser. angels minister to humanity - quite the contrary - God Himself is directly involved with humanity.

The Godhead

The term Archangel (Greek *archaggelos* - chief angel) can mean the chief above the angels, and therefore when the Bible speaks of an archangel, it may not necessarily be referring to an angel at all. The archangels mentioned in the Bible and the Apocrypha are Michael *who (is) like God?*. (Dan. 10:13; 12:1; Enoch 9:1;

10:11), Gabriel *hero of God.* (Dan. 8:16, 9:21; Enoch 9:1; 20:7; 40:9 Luke 1:19, 26), Raphael *God has healed.* (Tobit 3:17; 12:15; Enoch 10:4; 40:9) and Uriel *Flame of God.* (Enoch 9:1; 19:1; 20:2).

Seraphim (plural - Seraph singular) means the burning ones. Isaiah in vision, saw the seraphim as winged agents of God in Isaiah 6:2. They were well known in Egyptian culture and the images of these winged serpents, wearing the crowns of the Egyptian kings, decorated many Egyptian pharaohs. thrones. As they were thought to act as guardians over the king, Israel adopted the same imagery during the inter-Testament period as symbolic of God's throne. Cherubim (plural - Cherub singular) is an Hebrew word meaning (possibly) winged angels, although the original meaning is quite obscure. Mentioned in Genesis 3:24, Ezekiel 10:3-22 and Hebrews 9:5, they apparently reflect the symbolism of the Temple and God's presence. (Se also Exodus 25:18-22; 1 Kings 6:23-35; 2 Chronicles 3:7-14)

Halos

According to the Concise Oxford Dictionary, a halo is either a disc or circle of light shown surrounding the head of a sacred person, the glory associated with an idealised person etc., a circle of white or coloured light round a luminous body, esp. the sun or moon, or simply a circle or ring. It is from the Medieval Latin via Latin from the Greek halos, meaning threshing floor., or disc of the sun or moon. It is most likely that the halos we see in religious paintings, frescos, and statues are merely copies of Greek secular statues, which had halos around the brow to prevent pigeons desecrating the face. (Spike Milligan made reference to this in his two-line poem Nelson's Hat: Tis due to pigeons that alight / On Nelson's hat that makes it white!.).

Visible bands of light around holy heads is not biblical.

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Dictionary Definitions

As compared with the deeds of angels and works of the gifted of earth, we felt that our best performances were as bunches of sticks and straw beside clusters of beautiful plants.
- Living Illustrations By B. Carradine

ANGEL: (According to Holman's Bible Dictionary) is an heavenly messenger who either delivers a message to humans, carries out God's will, praises God, or guards God's throne.

ANGEL: (According to the Concise Oxford Dictionary) is an attendant or messenger of God, a conventional representation of this in human form with wings, an attendant spirit

(evil angel; guardian angel), or a member of the lowest order of the nine-fold celestial hierarchy - any of the nine grades of angelic beings (seraphim, cherubim, thrones, dominations, principalities, powers, virtues, archangels, angels). From the Old English *engel* or Old French *angele*, via ecclesiastical Latin *angelus* from Greek *aggelos* messenger. -

ANGEL: (According to Strong's Concordance) Angel: (Hebrew: 4397.) *mal.ak,* Pronounced mal-awk.; from an unused root meaning to despatch as a deputy; a messenger; specifically of God, i.e. an angel (also a prophet, priest or teacher):.ambassador, angel, king, messenger.

Angel: (Greek: 32.) *aggelos*, Pronounced ang.-el-os; from *aggello*, probably derived from *ago, ag.-o*; a prim. verb; prop. to lead; by implication to bring, drive, (reflex.) go, (spec.) pass (time), or (fig.) induce:.be, bring (forth), carry, (let) go, keep, lead away, be open;

compare a*gele, ag-el.-ay*; from *ago*; a drove:. herd. (to bring tidings); a messenger; especially an angel.; by implication a pastor:.angel, messenger.

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Appendix 2: Angelography

Some words with angelic or pseudo-angelic roots or forms:

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*Angel*ologist

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Los *angel*es

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